Amendments in the Police Act, 1861

1425. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring amendments in the Police Act, 1861 to make it relevent to present day policing;

(b) whether the various Police Acts framed by Britishers are being implemented by till today which are not suited to the Indian needs now;

(c) whether the National Police Commission has also recommended to Government to bring amendments in the Act; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and further reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) 'Police' is a State Subject as per the constitution of India. As such, it is primirily for the State Governments to have their own Police Acts enacted. Many State Governments have already done so.

The National Police Commission had, *inter-alia*, recommended replacement of the Police Act, 1861. Pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court in a Public Interest Litigation, a Committee was constituted to suggest ways and means for the implementation of the pending recommendations of the National Police Commission. The reports of the Committee have been field in the Supreme Court as directed by it.